



The Royal Green Jackets Association  
Suffolk Branch.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ROYAL GREEN JACKET ASSOCIATION  
HELD AT THE ARMY CADET DRILL HALL ON FRIDAY THE 3rd JUNE 1994

1. Those present: John Bevan, Mick Burtenshaw, Jim Crack, Stu Duckett, Tom Evans, Pete Goggins, Dave Hazel, Jim Hitches, Curly Hooper, Larry Lamb, Joe Mills, Frank Moss, Brian Pepper, Gordon Pilcher, & Mick Read.
  2. Apologies: Alfie Adams, Ralph Bolt, Mick Cozzi, Del Hemsley, Vic Steedman & Craig Thomas.
  3. The meeting was opened at 2000hrs by Joe Mills.
  4. The minutes of the previous meeting were read out, proposed by Jim Hitches and seconded by Brian Pepper that the minutes as read be passed.
  5. Correspondance: Letter received from Jock Gault, advising us that he would arrive in Felixstowe on the evening of the 6th July from Zeebrugge and would be available if any one wanted to join him for a drink, B & B has been arranged and Jock will travel with us on the coach to Winchester. the second letter was from RHQ giving us details of this years Royal Tournament which is between the 19th - 30th July with the RGJ/Light Div night on the 21<sup>st</sup> when the salute will be taken by Gen Sir Harry Johnson.
  6. Finance: Savings account £1892.00 Gen a/cc 663.88 with outstanding of £180.00.
  7. Winchester Weekend, Joe advised that the coach this year would cost £450.00 and would leave as before at 1000 am on the Friday morning, Gilpatrick's would leave all other timings flexible so that we could agree on the day with the driver. It was agreed that the cost of the coach should come from the savings fund.
  8. Regimental Birthday dance. It was agreed that we would have a hot and cold buffet, Gordon & Mick that they would have a menu and costs available for the next meeting. Gordon confirmed that the band had been booked and would cost this year £220.00.
- It is very important that all those who want to attend give their names to Gordon, as the number who have actually done so, so far is very few.
- It was agreed by all members present that we should invite the RSM of the 2nd Bn the Royal Green Jackets, Shaun Macavoy as guest of Honour this year.
9. Welfare: John reported that he had nothing to report, although we were all sorry to hear of the passing away of Dick Briers, Frank Moss arranged a wreath on behalf of us all.

This year's Festival of Remembrance would be on Saturday the 12th November and the theme would be 'D' Day. Tickets have gone up this year to £3.50 each.

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10. Any other business:

- a) Gordon advised that on Monday the 6th June there would be a short ceremony at the cenotaph at 1500hrs Alfie Adams has agreed to attend on our behalf with the Standard, any one else who would like to attend would be welcomed.
- b) Albert Storey has advised us of his pending move to a much larger pub on the Isle of Sheppey and that if we could arrange it he would like to see as many of us as can get there for a drink with other local members, Frank said that we could use the Wizard Taxi's new mini buses at £1.00 per mile, we'll wait for Albert to get settled in before we invade.
- c) Tommy Evans had received some literature on War pensions which he has passed over to John Bevan.
- d) Gordon advised those present of other branches who had tried to run their events and dinners as if they were Officers and sergeants messes and that because the greater part of the Assc memberships were made up of Junior NCOs and other ranks that we must learn by their failings and make sure that we continue to hold events that are informal to a degree or formal to a degree which ever you want, but most of all are a joy to attend. Membership dropping off is a sure sign that something is wrong and we must do all we can to ensure that our members know that the main purpose of our events is for them to enjoy themselves and to give their wives and girlfriends a good night out.
- e) It is worth noting that the recent showing of the Sharp TV series was enjoyed by all, Mick Read thought that Sweet William looked alot like Punchy Mitchell and begged me not to put this in the minutes but as punchy can't read it couldn't possibly do any harm, or could it??
- f) This months pub card was won by Mick the bar steward Burtenshaw, well done Mick.
- g) Frank Moss brought up some very good drawings which have been copied as part of these minutes, if you would like a larger copy for framing please let us know.
- h) The date of the next meeting will be on Friday the 1st July same place same time.

there being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 2035 hrs.

JOE MILLS  
CHAIRMAN



GORDON PILCHER  
SECRETARY

APOLOGIES FOR THE LATENESS OF THE MINUTES CAUSED BY EXCESSIVE WORKLOAD.

GORDON

# Celebrate

# This

# Years



# Regimental Birthday in Style

# Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> August Marlborough Hotel

# FELIXSTOWE

# LIVE BAND - BUFFET AND OUR FAMOUS RAFFLE

# Cost £10.00 each.

# Starts 8pm till 1am.